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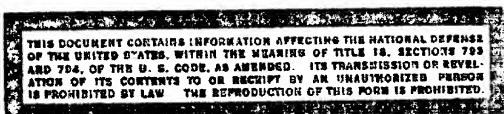
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1. The Politburo of the SED Central Committee discussed the Jewish question extensively prior to the pronouncement of "Lessons from the Slansky Trial". Walter Ulbricht established the ideological basis for these discussions. He maintained that the crises which the USSR had to face over the past thirty years were almost entirely attributable to the Jewish elements in the opposition to progress. Ulbricht declared that the international dispersion of the Jews, who socially have become more and more assimilated by the propertied classes, was an important reason for this. He maintained that certain Jewish intellectuals have collaborated with the working class only as a springboard to power and influence. A further point was that Jewish forces in the Communist movement were almost totally at odds with the national objectives at any time. These factors became important only when the Zionists founded their own state. He went on to say that the state of Israel is today in many ways considered an enemy more dangerous than the USA, because the existence of this Jewish home state has made all politicians who are Jewish feel that they have loyalties above and beyond those which they owe to their native country. It was as if a competitive Internationale had sprung up alongside the only Internationale of the Communist movement.
2. Ulbricht emphasized his remarks by stating that this was the viewpoint held by Moscow and it would play an important role in future politics. Thus it would be necessary to school the greater part of the functionaries along these lines of thought. In the next three months the SED actives are to be trained systematically in this field.
3. Fred Gelsner is teaching SED propagandists in a special course at the Karl-Marx-Hochschule. The course began early in January and was to run until about the middle of January. It was devoted to the inculcation of the line described above.

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